<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An image capture~~ <u>A camera</u> device comprising:

an image capture unit adapted to capture an image;

<u>an image data generation unit adapted to generate image data corresponding to the captured image;</u>

a specific information generation unit adapted to generate specific information relating to the ~~captured~~ image <u>data</u> ~~simultaneously with a process for recording image data corresponding to the captured image on a recording medium~~;

a recording unit adapted to record the image data and the specific information on ~~the~~ <u>a removable</u> recording medium <u>which is removably attachable to said camera device</u>;

a reproducing unit adapted to reproduce the image data and the specific information from the <u>removable</u> recording medium;

an embedding unit adapted to <u>controllably</u> embed the specific information reproduced from the <u>removable</u> recording medium into the image data reproduced from the <u>removable</u> recording medium using a digital watermarking technique; and

a control unit adapted to ~~provide~~ <u>control the embedding unit to embed</u> the specific information ~~and~~ <u>reproduced from the removable recording medium into</u> the image data reproduced from the <u>removable</u> recording medium ~~to the embedding unit~~ if a first process is selected by a user, and ~~avoid providing~~ <u>to control the embedding unit not to</u>

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embed the specific information reproduced from the removable recording medium to the embedding unit into the image data reproduced from the removable recording medium if a second process is selected by the user.

2. (Currently Amended) An image capture A camera device according to claim 1, further comprising a decompressing unit adapted to decompress the image data reproduced from the removable recording medium,

wherein the embedding unit is adapted to embed the specific information reproduced from the removable recording medium into the image data decompressed by the decompressing unit.

3. to 4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A method for use in an image capture of controlling a camera device, the method comprising the steps of:

capturing an image;

generating image data corresponding to the captured image;

generating specific information relating to the captured image data simultaneously with a process for recording image data corresponding to the captured image on a recording medium;

recording the image data and the specific information on the a removable recording medium which is removably attachable to said camera device;

reproducing the image data and the specific information from the ~~removable~~ recording medium;

~~embedding the specific information reproduced from the removable recording medium into the image data reproduced from the removable recording medium using a digital watermarking technique;~~

responsive to selection of ~~if~~ a first process ~~is selected~~ by a user, ~~providing~~ embedding the specific information ~~and~~ reproduced from the removable recording medium into the image data reproduced from the removable recording medium ~~to the embedding step~~; and

responsive to selection of ~~if~~ a second process ~~is selected~~ by the user, ~~avoiding providing~~ not embedding the specific information reproduced from the removable recording medium ~~to the embedding step~~ into the image data reproduced from the removable recording medium.

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 5, further comprising a decompressing step of decompressing the image data reproduced from the removable recording medium,

wherein, in response to selection of the first process, ~~the embedding step embeds~~ the specific information reproduced from the removable recording medium is embedded into the image data decompressed in the decompressing step.

7. to 8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A <u>computer-readable</u> storage medium storing a computer-executable program ~~for use in an image capture~~ <u>for controlling a camera</u> device, the program capable of performing the steps of:

capturing an image;

<u>generating image data corresponding to the captured image;</u>

generating specific information relating to the ~~captured~~ image <u>data</u> ~~simultaneously with a process for recording image data corresponding to the captured image on a recording medium~~;

recording the image data and the specific information on ~~the~~ <u>a removable</u> recording medium <u>which is removably attachable to said camera device</u>;

reproducing the image data and the specific information from the <u>removable</u> recording medium;

~~embedding the specific information reproduced from the~~ <u>removable</u> ~~recording medium into the image data reproduced from the~~ <u>removable</u> ~~recording medium using a digital watermarking technique;~~

<u>responsive to selection of</u> ~~if~~ a first process ~~is selected~~ by a user, ~~providing~~ <u>embedding</u> the specific information ~~and~~ <u>reproduced from the removable recording medium into</u> the image data reproduced from the recording medium ~~to the embedding step~~; and

<u>responsive to selection of</u> ~~if~~ a second process ~~is selected~~ by the user, ~~avoiding providing~~ <u>not embedding</u> the specific information reproduced from the <u>removable</u> recording medium ~~to the embedding step~~ <u>into the image data reproduced from the removable recording medium</u>.

10. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to claim 9, wherein the program is capable of performing a decompressing step of decompressing the image data reproduced from the removable recording medium, and

wherein, in response to selection of the first process, the embedding step embeds the specific information reproduced from the removable recording medium is embedded into the image data decompressed in the decompressing step.

11. to 15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) An image capture A camera device according to claim 1, further comprising an outputting unit adapted to output the image data into which the specific information is embedded to an external destination if the first process is selected by a user, and to output the image data into which the specific information is not embedded to the external destination if the second process is selected by the user[[,]] wherein if the first process is selected by a user, the outputting unit outputs the image data including the specific information to the external destination, and if the second process is selected by the user, the outputting unit outputs the image data excluding the specific information to the external destination.

17. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 5, further comprising an outputting step, wherein said of outputting step outputs the image data into which the specific information is embedded to an external destination if the first process is

selected by a user, and outputs the image data, into which the specific information is not

embedded to the external destination if the second process is selected by the user

~~wherein if the first process is selected by a user, the outputting step outputs~~

~~the image data including the specific information to the external destination, and~~

~~if the second process is selected by the user, the outputting step outputs the~~

~~image data excluding the specific information to the external destination.~~

18. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to claim 9, wherein

the program is capable of performing an outputting step, wherein said ~~of~~ outputting step

outputs the image data into which the specific information is embedded to an external

destination if the first process is selected by a user, and outputs the image data into which

the specific information is not embedded to the external destination if the second process is

selected by the user

~~wherein if the first process is selected by a user, the outputting step outputs~~

~~the image data including the specific information to the external destination, and~~

~~if the second process is selected by the user, the outputting step outputs the~~

~~image data excluding the specific information to the external destination.~~

19. to 21. (Canceled)